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COMMISSIONERS WELCOME BUSINESS RELOCATION BRINGING 70 JOBS TO FREDERICK COUNTY

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today welcomed the news that two laboratories will relocate from Gaithersburg, Md., to Frederick County by October 1.

The American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials Materials Reference Laboratory and the Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory signed a 15-year lease to bring their operations under one roof at 4441 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, Md. The lease with Matan Companies is for 34,413 square feet of warehouse, office and lab space. After about 80 years on the National Institute of Standards and Technology campus in Gaithersburg, Md., the new location will house the materials testing laboratories and programs for the laboratories.

Board President Blaine Young commented, "We are delighted to hear that these laboratories will bring employment for approximately 70 citizens. This board is pro-business and we are doing all that we can to promote a business-friendly environment in Frederick County. We commend our Economic Development Department and Ron Tobin, our new business development and retention administrator, for assisting these employers and making their transition to our county smooth. We continue to let it be known that we are 'open for business in Frederick County.' We appreciate your business and want your business."

The Materials Reference Laboratory promotes the quality and achievement of excellence in construction materials testing through the laboratory assessment program, the proficiency sample program and the accreditation program.

The Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory is committed to the improvement of quality testing in the construction materials industry through its laboratory inspection program and the proficiency sample program, which covers the testing of cement, concrete, aggregate, steel reinforcing bars, pozzolan and masonry materials (mortar and solid units).

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